

# THE ZIMMERMAN FAMILY

(Exerpts from an informal interview, Nov. 12, 2009)

Harold Zimmerman 6/01/23 Valley City, North Dakota

Hal was very active in school, graduating as Valedictorian of his senior class.

His father, a prominent and beloved Physician and surgeon, died Hal's senior year in high school. Hal's two brothers, Bruce and Wayne, pursued the medical field, but Hal wanted to get into the Air Corp, so he memorized the eye chart. Instead, he was sent to Texas A&M as a non-commissioned officer and was assigned to interview the POW's in California. After his military experience, he went to Seattle to pursue his degree in Journalism, where he met his future wife, Judy. Hal was majoring in Journalism, and Judy was minoring in the same class. The handwriting was on the wall. They married Sept. 12, 1946, their senior year, but continued to be very active in school where Judy was the yearbook editor.

They moved to Cedro Wooley, then in 1950 moved to Castle Rock, and bought the local newspaper there. In 1957, they moved to Camas and bought the Post record, selling it in the fall of 1980.

Hal was involved in everything in the community, including Kiwanis, was President of the Chamber of Commerce, church leader, etc. He had strong support during his political career—first serving as the 17<sup>th</sup> District State Representative for the Republican Party, then as a Senator, where he served for 22 years. His humble attitude and willingness to listen to his constituents earned him the respect and admiration of all who knew him.

His son, Steve, praised and complimented his father during the interview, contributing his success to his willingness to listen—first you listen, he said, then you respond. Hal has always been a humble, knowledgeable and willing participant in community endeavors/affairs.

Hal was recently inducted into the University of Washington's Hall Of Fame.

Judy Williams Zimmerman 9/09/26, daughter of a prominent Seattle, WA family, attended U of W, majoring in Home Economics.

Has always enjoyed her orchestral experiences, playing Oboe in the Vancouver Pops.

Cat lover—whose cats lived long happy, contented lives.

Judy is very active in the Camas United Methodist church.

Her favorite place to visit was Petra, in Jordan, where she participated in an archeological dig that resulted in a very important discovery, an ancient and historically significant plaque. That trip, which was 6 weeks in the hot sun, was significant in the healing process after daughter Judi Jean was killed.

Judy serves on the Board for the Center for Oriental Research. ?ACORN

She and Hal have traveled to all the continents.

They have traveled to Camas Sister Cities of Hosoe Cho and T

Other trips were with ?????

Included church sponsored trips, including The Holy Land.

Karen Marie Zimmerman (Ben Natal) 4/08/48

Former San Francisco resident, Karen has been active locally in the Camas Methodist Church and the Camas Performing Arts Series. She and Ben love boat cruises.

Steven Walter Zimmerman 8/04/50 General contractor in Vancouver, WA

Wife, Janice

6 Children, David, 25, Kevin, 22, working on his Masters at the U of W, Brittany, 20, studying in Salem, OR. Brian, 19, a student at Western WA, Brooke, 18, a student at Kirkland, and Hannah, 11, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader.

Steve and Janice were interviewed by the 700 Club, with Pat Robertson, (Google 700 Club, search archives. —4-min long.) and asked how they survived the hard economic times of the past winter.